



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SAITOH, Shuji, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1645**

Serial No.: **09/147,052**

Examiner: **Jana A. Hines**

Filed: **April 5, 1999**

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**FOR: NOVEL FUSION PROTEIN, GENE THEREOF, RECOMBINANT VECTOR
BEARING THE GENE AND RECOMBINANT VIRUS AS WELL AS USE
THEREOF**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 10, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **August 26, 2004**, extended to **January 26, 2005**, by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.